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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN  
ENCASED OPTICAL ARTICLE

AFTER FINAL, EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 16, 2004 (Paper No. 03052004), for which a response is due on June 16, 2004. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.